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1. In mid-January Communist authorities in Hankow and Shanghai commandeered all Chinese commercial ships except the SS CHIANG HUA (江華)* and the SS CHIANG YING (江映), which are owned by the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company. As of 29 January these ships were making commercial runs between Shanghai and Chiuchiang (116-03, 29-43).
2. On 27 January 839 troops left Ichang (111-17, 30-42) for Hankow aboard the SS MIN TSU (民族)*.
3. On 28 January 13 wooden boats loaded with troops sailed from Wanh sien (108-30, 30-50) down the Yangtze.
4. On 27 January 180 tons of pig iron and 240 tons of bridge materials were shipped to the Southwest Industry Department at Chungking; 561 steel plates and 365 automobile parts were shipped to the China Industrial Company in Chungking from Hankow via Ichang on the SS MIN I (民族).

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